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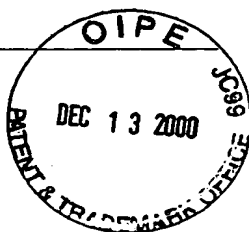
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2000 (Paper No. 13), finally rejecting claims 45, 46, 49-52, 54-57, 59, 60 and 68-76, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

 Claims 45, 46, 49-52, 54-57, 59, 60, 68-70, 72-74 and 76 are pending in this application.

Claims 72 and 76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as the specification "described the 'first' and 'second' dielectric materials 24 and 34 as being the